

COMBATING TERRORISM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on "Combating Terrorism: Protecting the United States—Part 1." Testimony was heard from Frank Keating, Governor, State of Oklahoma; Henry L. Hinton, Managing Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMBATING ILLEGAL GAMBLING REFORM AND MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3215, Combating Illegal Gambling Reform and Modernization Act.

OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE PROGRAM BUDGET

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Fiscal Year 2003 Forest Service Program Budget. Testimony was heard from Dale N. Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service, USDA.

TWO STRIKES AND YOU'RE OUT CHILD PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2146, Two Strikes and You're Out Child Protection Act, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered open to amendment at any point. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner.

CLASS ACTION FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 2341, Class Action Fairness Act of 2001, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute rec-

ommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Frank, Nadler, Lofgren and Waters.

WELFARE REFORM—PLAN TO BUILD ON SUCCESSES

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Administration's Plan to Build on the Successes of Welfare Reform. Testimony was heard from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of March 11, 2002, p. D206)

H.R. 2998, to authorize the establishment of Radio Free Afghanistan. Signed on March 11, 2002. (Public Law 107-148)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 13, 2002**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Commerce, 10:30 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Library of Congress and the Congressional Research Service, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense Health Program, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Ballistic Missile Defense acquisition policy and oversight, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (105-178), 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert Watson Cobb, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the economic and environmental risks associated with increasing greenhouse gas emissions, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on the nomination of Robert Patrick John Finn, of New York, to be Ambassador to Afghanistan, 5 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to resume hearings to examine public health and natural resources, focusing on implementation of environmental laws, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings to examine the worldwide connection between drugs and terrorism, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on Supreme Court, 10 a.m., and on Small Business Administration, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Defense Transformation, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Department of Energy-Science, Nuclear Energy and Renewable Energy, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Administrator of Agency for International Development, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Forest Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Institutes of Health Fiscal Year 2003 Budget Overview, 11 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Housing Privatization, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on FAA, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government, on GSA, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol, and on U.S. Postal Service, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies, on Office of Science Technology Policy, 9:30 a.m., and on Department of Defense-Civil, Cemeterial Expenses, Army, 10:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the fiscal year 2003 Department of Energy budget request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the fiscal year 2002 National Defense Authorization budget request, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on competitive sourcing/outscouring/A-76 and strategic sourcing, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, to mark up Fiscal Year 2003 Budget Resolution, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Education Reform, to mark up H.R. 3801, Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on "Assessing Mental Health Parity: Implications for Patients and Employers," 3 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "The 2003 Budget: A Review of the HHS Health Care Priorities," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on H.R. 3763, Corporate and Auditing Accountability, Responsibility, and Transparency Act of 2002, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Affairs, hearing on "The Use and Abuse of Government Purchase Cards," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on U.S. and Europe: The Bush Administration and Transatlantic Relations, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, oversight hearing on the National Academy of Science Interim Report on Endangered and Threatened Fishes in the Klamath River Basin, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on the Energy Pipeline Research, Development, and Demonstration Act, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research, hearing on the NSF Budget: How Should We Determine Future Levels? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on "Subsidy Rate Calculation: Unfair Tax on Small Business," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on Port Security: Shipping Containers, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on the Water Quality Financing Act of 2002, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Information program, with a review of VA's integrated systems architecture plan, Veterans Benefits Administration's VETSNET program, information security, Veterans Health Administration's Decision Support Systems, and the Government Computer-Based Patient Record Program, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the following: Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fis-

cal Year 2003 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; and H.R. 3669, Employee Retirement Savings Bill of Rights, 1:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, hearing on Unmanned Vehicle Programs, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 2646, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011, 4 p.m., HC-5 Capitol.